

CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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Agenda for the 1990 session

and

Programme of work for the Conference on Disarmament

(Adopted at its 532nd plenary meeting on 6 February 1990)

The Conference on Disarmament, as the multilateral negotiating forum, shall promote the attainment of general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

The Conference, taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the documents of the first and second special sessions of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, will deal with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures in the following areas:

- I. Nuclear weapons in all aspects;
- II. Chemical weapons;
- III. Other weapons of mass destruction;
- IV. Conventional weapons;
- V. Reduction of military budgets;
- VI. Reduction of armed forces;
- VII. Disarmament and development;
- VIII. Disarmament and international security;
- IX. Collateral measures, confidence-building measures; effective verification methods in relation to appropriate disarmament measures, acceptable to all parties concerned;
- X. Comprehensive programme of disarmament leading to general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

Within the above framework, the Conference on Disarmament adopts the following agenda for 1990 which includes items that, in conformity with the provisions of Section VIII of its Rules of Procedure, would be considered by it:

1. Nuclear test ban.
2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
3. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
4. Chemical weapons.
5. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
6. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
7. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
8. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
9. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Programme of work

In compliance with rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference on Disarmament also adopts the following programme of work for the first part of its 1990 session.

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| 6 - 16 February | Statements in plenary meetings. Consideration of the agenda and programme of work as well as of the establishment of subsidiary bodies on items of the agenda and other organizational questions. |
| 19 February - 2 March | Nuclear test ban.
Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament. |
| 5 - 9 March | Prevention of an arms race in outer space. |
| 12 - 16 March | Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters. |
| 19 - 30 March | Chemical weapons. |
| 2 - 6 April | Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons. |

9 - 13 April Comprehensive programme of disarmament.

16 - 24 April Further consideration of outstanding matters.

The Conference will continue consideration of its improved and effective functioning and will report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on that subject.

The Conference will further intensify its consultations in pursuance of paragraphs 14 and 15 of its report (CD/956) with a view to taking a positive decision at its 1990 annual session with regard to expansion of its membership by not more than four States and the need to maintain balance in the membership of the Conference and will inform accordingly the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Meetings of the subsidiary bodies will be convened after consultations between the President of the Conference and the Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies, according to the circumstances and needs of those bodies.

The Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events will meet from 19 to 30 March 1990.

In adopting its programme of work, the Conference has kept in mind the provisions of rules 30 and 31 of its Rules of Procedure.
